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Minutes of the One Hundred and Twenty-fifth Meeting of the State Highway Commission held in the State Office Building, with the following members present:

R. S. Sterling, Chairman,  
Cone Johnson, Member,  
W. R. Ely, Member,  
Gibb Gilchrist, State Highway Engineer.

764. Motion by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Sterling, that an allotment of approximately \$16,000.00 be made to Wise County for the construction of gravel and rock base on Highway No. 39, from Decatur to Sandy Creek, approximately 6.05 miles, on condition that Wise County will bear one-half of the cost of such construction and on the further condition that Wise County has or will furnish right-of-way not less than 80 ft. wide. Motion carried.
765. Motion by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Judge Ely, that contract for M-4-E, consisting of 126,720 square yards of one course asphalt surface treatment on Highway No. 13, from 5.6 miles west of Amarillo, west to the Oldham-Potter County line, a distance of 12 miles in Potter County, be awarded, according to the recommendation of the State Highway Engineer, to H. K. McCollum, Ft. Worth, Texas, for \$25,027.20; same being the lowest and best bid. Motion carried.
766. Motion by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Judge Ely, that the contract for concrete pavement from Stamford to  $4\frac{1}{2}$  miles north of Anson on State Highway No. 30, F.A.P. 493-A, in Jones County, be awarded, according to the recommendation of the State Highway Engineer, to Julian C. Field, Denison, Texas, for \$215,689.68; same being the lowest and best bid and said award is concurred in by Mr. P. H. Everett, Highway Engineer, Federal Bureau of Public Roads. Motion carried.
767. Motion by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Judge Ely, that the contract for construction of grading and drainage structures from Palestine through Tucker on State Highway No. 43, F.A.P. 453-E, in Anderson County, be awarded, according to the recommendation of the State Highway Engineer, to Eproson Bros, Sherman, Texas, for \$28,565.42; and the contract for large drainage structures be awarded to Tibbitts Construction Company, Fort Worth, Texas, for \$13,864.25; same being the lowest and best bids and said awards are concurred in by Mr. P. H. Everett, Highway Engineer, Federal Bureau of Public Roads. Motion carried.
768. Motion by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Judge Ely, that the contract for construction of grading and small drainage structures from the Jackson County line to Victoria on State Highway No. 12, F.A.P. 543-D, in Victoria County, be awarded, according to the recommendation of the State Highway Engineer, to S. F. Vann, Trinity, Texas, for \$53,450.31; and the contract for large structures be awarded to Dean Word, Itasca, Texas, for \$17,020.98 same being the lowest and best bids and said awards are concurred in by Mr. P. H. Everett, Highway Engineer, Federal Bureau of Public Roads, and Mr. P. P. Putney, County Judge, Victoria County. Motion carried.
769. Motion by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Judge Ely, that the contract for construction of grading, small drainage structures and shell surface from Guadalupe River to Green Lake on State Highway No. 57, S.A.P. 807, in Calhoun County, be awarded, according to the recommendation of the State Highway Engineer, to Martin Bros, Beaumont, Texas, for \$66,904.93; same being the lowest and best bid. Motion carried.
770. Motion by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Judge Ely, that a highway be designated in Galveston County, from Texas City cut-off on Highway #6, to Texas City, a distance of approximately 3 miles, this designation not to take effect until project is properly financed and the road not to be maintained by the State until it has been constructed. Motion carried. This road to be known as No. 6-A.

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771. Motion by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Judge Ely, that the contract for construction of grading and drainage structures from Ganado to Edna on Highway No. 12, F.A.P. 543-A, in Jackson County, be awarded, according to the recommendation of the State Highway Engineer, to H. E. Denny, Houston, Texas, for \$31,315.81; same being the lowest and best bid and said award is concurred in by Mr. P. H. Everett, Highway Engineer, Federal Bureau of Public Roads and Judge John T. Vance, County Judge of Jackson County. Motion carried.
772. Motion by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Judge Ely, that the contract for construction of a concrete pavement from Palestine southeast to Elkhart on State Highway No. 19, F.A.P. 403-C, in Anderson County, be awarded, according to the recommendation of the State Highway Engineer, to Nodds and Wedegartner, San Benito, Texas, for \$208,323.09; same being the lowest and best bid and said award is concurred in by Mr. P. H. Everett, Highway Engineer, Federal Bureau of Public Roads. Motion carried.
773. Motion by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Judge Ely, that the contract for construction of concrete pavement from City limits of Corsicana to Orphan's Home on Highway No. 22, S.A.P. 565, in Navarro County, be awarded according to the recommendation of the State Highway Engineer, to F. P. McElwrath, Corsicana, Texas, for \$25,619.39; same being the lowest and best bid. Motion carried.
774. Motion by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Judge Ely, that contract for M-11-Q, consisting of 214,142 square yards of one course asphalt surface treatment on Highway No. 8, from Evadale on the Neches River, northeast to Buna, a distance of 9.1 miles and on Highway No. 62, from Buna south to the Orange-Newton County line, a distance of 13.5 miles, making a total of 22.6 miles in Jasper and Newton Counties, be awarded, according to the recommendation of the State Highway Engineer, to H. K. McCollum, Ft. Worth, Texas, for \$35,547.57; same being the lowest and best bid. Motion carried.
775. Motion by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Judge Ely, that contract for M-11-R, consisting of 167,089 square yards of one course asphalt surface treatment on Highway No. 19, from the Houston County line south to the Trinity River, a distance of 17.8 miles, in Trinity County, be awarded according to the recommendation of the State Highway Engineer, to H. K. McCollum, Ft. Worth, Texas, for \$28,070.95; same being the lowest and best bid. Motion carried.
776. Motion by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Judge Ely, that the contract for construction of grading and drainage structures from 2.6 miles south of Floresville south to Karnes County line on State Highway No. 16, F.A.P. 434-B, in Wilson County, be awarded, according to the recommendation of the State Highway Engineer, to S. F. Vann, Trinity, Texas, for \$52,653.09; same being the lowest and best bid. Motion carried.
777. Motion by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Judge Ely, that the contract for construction of grading and drainage structures from the Victoria County line west to Goliad on State Highway No. 12, F.A.P. 551-D, in Goliad County be awarded, according to the recommendation of the State Highway Engineer, to J. A. Greathouse, Austin, Texas, for \$30,268.68; same being the lowest and best bid and said award is concurred in by Mr. P. H. Everett, Highway Engineer, Federal Bureau of Public Roads and Judge J. A. White, County Judge, Goliad County. Motion carried.
778. Motion by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Judge Ely, that contract for M-17-Q, consisting of 83,600 square yards of one course asphalt surface treatment on Highway No. 19, from Conroe north to Willis, a distance of 7.9 miles, in Montgomery County, be awarded to Brown & Root, Austin, Texas, for \$14,295.60; same being the lowest and best bid. Motion carried.

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779. Motion by Judge Ely, seconded by Mr. Sterling, that the State Highway Engineer is instructed to advise Grayson County to proceed with surveys and plans on State Highway No. 5, across the County and upon submission and approval of these plans, to advertise for bids for the construction of Unit I, it being understood that Grayson County shall contribute as county aid a total of 1/3 of the cost of construction of both Units I and II of a durable type, and the County shall furnish a 100 ft. right-of-way on a location approved by the State Highway Engineer. Motion carried.
780. Motion by Judge Ely, seconded by Mr. Johnson, that \$43,020.00 be appropriated to cover cost of a gravel and stone base of 7.17 miles of State Highway No. 10, in Parker and Johnson Counties, and that the State Highway Engineer be directed to proceed with this construction in order that this road may be prepared for an asphalt surface in the spring of 1929, with the further understanding that Johnson and Parker Counties be charged with 1/3 of the cost of this construction respectively before any aid is allotted to said counties. Motion carried.
781. Motion by Judge Ely, seconded by Mr. Sterling, that the action of the Commission on May 23, 1927, granting \$500.00 per mile Federal Aid for grading and structures on Highway No. 28 across Foard County be amended to provide that Foard County be granted two-thirds State and Federal Aid for the construction of this highway, with the understanding that Foard County, first and last, will contribute one-third of said cost and furnish a right-of-way not less than 80 ft. wide on location satisfactory to the State Highway Engineer. Motion carried.
782. Motion by Judge Ely, seconded by Mr. Sterling, that a total of 2/3 State and Federal Funds be apportioned to Throckmorton County for the construction of grading and structures on Highway No. 23 from the Baylor County line to Throckmorton. This allotment of aid is made on the condition that the county will furnish free of cost to the State the necessary plans and specifications and a 100 ft. right-of-way free of obstruction and 1/3 of the cost. Motion carried.
783. Motion by Judge Ely, seconded by Mr. Sterling, that the contract for construction of grading and drainage structures from Seymour to Archer County line, on Highway No. 24, in Baylor County, F.A.P. 454-A, be awarded according to the recommendation of the State Highway Engineer, to Carey Bros., Anson, Texas, for \$93,363.14; same being the lowest and best bid and said award is concurred in by Judge J. T. St. Clair, County Judge of Baylor County. Motion carried.
784. Motion by Judge Ely, seconded by Mr. Sterling, that the contract for construction of 29-30 ft. timber spans on concrete pile bents and earth approaches, S.A.P. 806, on Highway No. 84, in Kent County, be awarded according to the recommendations of the State Highway Engineer, to Gaines, Yoekum and Mackey, Oklahoma City, Okla., for \$48,236.62; same being the lowest and best bid. Motion carried.
785. Motion by Judge Ely, seconded by Mr. Sterling, that the contract for construction of grading and drainage structures from Lubbock County line to Swisher County line on Highway No. 9, F.A.P. 546-B.C & D, in Hale County, be awarded according to the recommendation of the State Highway Engineer, to Womack Construction Company, Sherman, Texas, for \$69,464.52; same being the lowest and best bid and said award is concurred in by Mr. P. H. Everett, Highway Engineer, Federal Bureau of Public Roads and Judge Geo. L. Mayfield, County Judge of Hale County. Motion carried.
786. Motion by Judge Ely, seconded by Mr. Sterling, that in addition to the \$20,000.00 already appropriated for bridge over the Salt Fork of the Brazos River in Kent County, between Jayton and Clairemont, be increased to \$30,636.62, County to furnish \$20,000.00 or a total of \$50,636.62. Motion carried.

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787. Motion by Judge Ely, seconded by Mr. Sterling, that the contract for construction of reinforced concrete girder bridge over Brady Creek on State Highway No. 9, S.A.P. 808, in McCulloch County, be awarded, according to the recommendation of the State Highway Engineer, to McKown and Ward, Stephenville, Texas, for \$21,166.65; same being the lowest and best bid, and said award is concurred in by Judge W. N. Ellis, County Judge of McCulloch County. Motion carried.
788. Motion by Judge Ely, seconded by Mr. Sterling, that the contract for construction of a concrete pavement from Abilene west to beginning of F.A.P. #77, on Highway No. 1, F.A.P. 444-1, Unit II, in Taylor County, be awarded, according to the recommendation of the State Highway Engineer, to Southwest Bitulithic Company, San Antonio, Texas, for \$237,247.30; same being the lowest and best bid and said award is concurred in by Mr. P. H. Everett, Highway Engineer, Federal Bureau of Public Roads. Motion carried.
789. Motion by Judge Ely, seconded by Mr. Sterling, that a total of  $\frac{2}{3}$  State and Federal funds be apportioned to Shackelford County for the construction of grading and structures on Highway No. 23 from the Throckmorton County line to Albany. This allotment of aid is made on the condition that the county will furnish free of cost to the State the necessary plans and specifications and a 100 ft. right-of-way free of obstruction and  $\frac{1}{3}$  of the cost. Motion carried.
790. Motion by Judge Ely, seconded by Mr. Johnson, that the State Highway Department pay two-thirds of the cost of an 18 ft. concrete strip on Highway No. 7 through the town of Santa Anna in Coleman County for a distance of five blocks on condition that the type of pavement is such as will be approved by the State Highway Engineer and on further condition that the town of Santa Anna will remove the center street lights and will enter into a contract to enforce parallel parking on its main street and will properly maintain said street. The County is hereby authorized to award the contract for this improvement after the plans and specifications have been approved by the State Highway Engineer. Motion carried.
791. Motion by Judge Ely, seconded by Mr. Sterling, that contract for construction of grading and drainage structures from Murchison to Athens on Highway No. 31, F.A.P. 545-C, in Henderson County, be awarded, according to the recommendation of the State Highway Engineer to J. S. Moore & Sons, Lufkin, Texas, for \$46,336.39; same being the lowest and best bid and said award is concurred in by Mr. W. L. Barnett, County Commissioner of Henderson County. Motion carried.
792. Motion by Judge Ely, seconded by Mr. Sterling, that contract for construction of grading and drainage structures from near Anderson County line to Jacksonville, on Highway No. 43, F.A.P. 453-H, in Cherokee County, using cast iron pipe, be awarded, according to the recommendation of the State Highway Engineer, to D. H. Purvis & Son, Ft. Worth, Texas, for \$59,859.35; same being the lowest and best bid and said award is concurred in by Mr. G. A. Bracher, County Engineer, Cherokee County. Motion carried.
793. Motion by Judge Ely, seconded by Mr. Sterling, that the contract for construction of grading, drainage structures and shell surface from Hester switch to Longs Station, using duraco on bridges, on Highway #40, F.A.P. 355-C, in Hardin County, be awarded, according to the recommendation of the State Highway Engineer, to John Thompson & Son, San Augustine, Texas, for \$66,765.72; same being the lowest and best bid. Motion carried.
794. Motion by Judge Ely, seconded by Mr. Sterling, that contract for construction of a concrete pavement from Wharton northeast to near the Fort Bend County line on Highway No. 12, F.A.P. 518-E & F, in Wharton Co., be awarded according to the recommendation of the State Highway Engineer, to King S. Heath, San Diego, California, for \$209,453.59; same being the lowest and best bid and said award is concurred in by Mr. P. H. Everett, Highway Engineer, Federal Bureau of Public Roads, and Judge John Norris, County Judge of Wharton County. Motion carried.

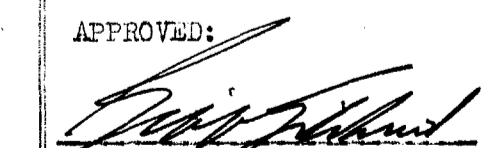
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795. Motion by Judge Ely, seconded by Mr. Sterling, that the contract for construction of grading and small drainage structures from end of F.A.P. 512-A to Crosby Road, on Highway No. 3, in Harris County, be awarded, according to the recommendation of the State Highway Engineer, to Martin Bros., Beaumont, Texas, for \$63,010.75, and the contract for large drainage structures to S. R. Starkey, Houston, Texas, for \$22,973.37 same being the lowest and best bids, and is concurred in by Mr. Everett. Motion carried.
796. Motion by Judge Ely, seconded by Mr. Sterling, that State and Federal Funds be allotted to Lavaca County for construction of 8.068 miles of State Highway No. 72, from Hallettsville toward Yoakum, with the understanding that Lavaca County will contribute at least one-third of the total cost of the construction of this Highway and will furnish, free of cost to the State, an 80 ft. right-of-way free of all obstructions, the type of pavement to be decided upon by the State Highway Engineer. Motion carried.
797. Motion by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Judge Ely, that the Chairman make application to the Secretary of War for permission to construct a bridge across the Guadalupe River on State Highway No. 57, in Calhoun County. Motion carried.
798. Motion by Judge Ely, seconded by Mr. Johnson, that the Chairman make application to the Secretary of War for permission to construct bridges across the San Antonio River in Goliad County, and the Guadalupe River in Victoria County on State Highway No. 12. Motion carried.
799. Motion by Judge Ely, seconded by Mr. Sterling, that the contract for F.A.P. 434-C, Job 129-B, on State Highway No. 16, in Karnes County be awarded to S. F. Vann of Trinity Texas, for \$30,306.57 with the understanding that this award is made conditioned that within 15 days from this date Karnes County will secure the necessary right-of-way or give satisfactory evidence to the State Highway Engineer that the right-of-way is being and will be secured, otherwise, at the expiration of 15 days this award shall not take effect, and the State Highway Engineer is hereby instructed that in the event this contract is not confirmed by the action of Karnes County he shall make surveys, plans and specifications on a line running west of both Falls City and Hobson on the most direct practical route and secure right-of-way and advertise for bids on this route. The allotment of aid was made on condition that Karnes County would secure an 80 ft. right-of-way, and the project was advertised with that understanding. Motion carried.
800. Motion by Judge Ely, seconded by Mr. Sterling, that the sum of \$55,000.00 be allotted to Starr County for building drainage structures on State Highway No. 12-B, from Roma to the Zapata County line. Motion carried.
801. Motion by Judge Ely, seconded by Mr. Sterling, that contract for construction of grading and small drainage structures from Thorndale to Road District No. 10 line on Highway No. 43, F.A.P. 494-B, in Milam Co., be awarded, according to the recommendation of the State Highway Engineer, to Thomas & Ratliff, Rogers, Texas, for \$34,144.83; same being the lowest and best bid, and the contract for large bridges awarded to Thomas & Ratliff, for \$94,074.05, same being the lowest and best bid. Motion carried.
802. Motion by Judge Ely, seconded by Mr. Sterling, that the State Highway Engineer is instructed to advise Leon County to proceed with surveys and plans on State Highway No. 43 across the County and upon submission and approval of these plans, to advertise for bids for the construction of Unit I, it being understood that Leon County shall contribute as county aid a total of one-third of the cost of construction of both Units I and II of a durable type, and the County shall furnish a 100 ft. right-of-way on a location approved by the State Highway Engineer. Motion carried.

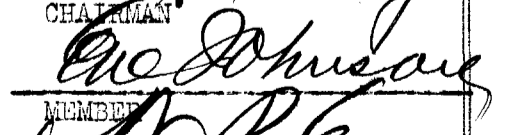
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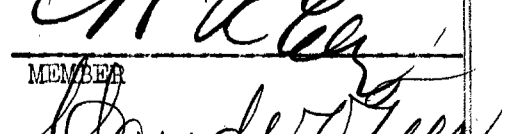
- 803. Motion by Judge Ely, seconded by Mr. Sterling, that the sum of \$14,000.00 be appropriated to pay the cost of grading and structures on approximately one-half mile of State Highway No. 105, in Grimes County adjacent to the Montgomery County line. Motion carried.
- 804. Motion by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Judge Ely, that the State Highway Engineer be directed to revise the maintenance budget so as to bring the total within the sum of \$9,000,000 and that when so revised the same will then stand approved without further action by the Commission. Motion carried.
- 805. Motion by Judge Ely, seconded by Mr. Sterling, that the State Highway Engineer is instructed to take up with the various manufacturers of automobiles the question of use of State Highways for speed tests in which the State speed law is violated; it being the sense of this Commission that such practice is dangerous and detrimental to the general public and damaging to state highways. This matter shall also be taken up with the sheriffs of the various counties of Texas, advising them of this action and asking their cooperation in stopping speed tests where the State speed law of Texas is violated. Motion carried.
- 806. Motion by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Judge Ely, that the sum of \$8,404.89 be hereby appropriated to Budget #21, Authorization 1, said authorization covering unpaid accounts contracted by the previous administration; this additional amount being appropriated for the reason that the unpaid account of Sherman-Youmans Construction Company was settled by court action through the Attorney General's Department and ordered paid. Motion carried.
- 806<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>. Motion by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Sterling, that the sum of \$23,000.00 in State Aid be appropriated in Bee County for the purpose of removing fifteen dips on State Highway No. 16 and building in lieu thereof fifteen concrete culverts. Motion carried.

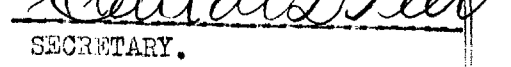
APPROVED:

  
 STATE HIGHWAY ENGINEER

  
 CHAIRMAN

  
 MEMBER

  
 MEMBER

  
 SECRETARY.